
 National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: DCA09MA027		Most Critical Injury: Fatal		
		Occurrence Date: 02/12/2009		Investigated By: NTSB		
		Occurrence Type: Accident				
Location/Time						
Nearest City/Place Clarence Center		State NY	Zip Code 14032	Local Time 2017	Time Zone EST	
Aircraft Information						
Registration Number N200WQ		Aircraft Manufacturer BOMBARDIER INC		Model/Series Number DHC-8-402		
Type of Aircraft:			Amateur Built Aircraft?			
Injury Summary:		Fatal 50	Serious	Minor	None	
Revenue Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No			
Narrative						
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On February 12, 2009, about 2217 eastern standard time (EST), a Colgan Air Inc., Bombardier Dash 8-Q400, N200WQ, d.b.a. Continental Connection flight 3407, crashed during an instrument approach to runway 23 at the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport (BUF), Buffalo, New York. The crash site was approximately 5 nautical miles northeast of the airport in Clarence Center, New York, and mostly confined to one residential house. The four flight crew and 45 passengers were fatally injured and the aircraft was destroyed by impact forces and post crash fire. There was one ground fatality. Night visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time of the accident. The flight was a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 121 scheduled passenger flight from Liberty International Airport (EWR), Newark, New Jersey to BUF.</p> <p>Updated on May 6 2009 8:15AM</p>						
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Other Aircraft Involved					
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number	
Accident Information					
Aircraft Damage: Destroyed			Accident Occurred During:		
Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury		
Pilot					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
Operator Information					
Name COLGAN AIR INC		Operator Designator Code NSVA		Doing Business As	
Street Address		City		State	Zip Code
-Type of Certificate(s) Held:					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Flag Carrier/Domestic					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 121: Air Carrier					
Type of Flight Operations Conducted: Scheduled; Domestic; Passenger Only					
Flight Plan/Itinerary					
Type of Flight Plan Filed: Unknown					
Last Departure Point		State	Airport Identifier		
Destination		State	Airport Identifier		
Weather Information					
Investigator's Source:		Facility ID:		Observation Time (Local):	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:			Ft. AGL		
Lowest Ceiling:		Ft. AGL	Visibility:	SM	Altimeter: "Hg
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Temperature: °C	Dew Point: °C	Wind Direction:	
Wind Speed: Kts.	Gusts: Kts.	Weather Conditions at Accident Site:	

Notification From FAA		Date
FAA District Office/Coordinator	Investigator-In-Charge (IIC) Effie Lorenda Ward	